

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fire escape device includes a housing having a top wall, a first
5 end wall, a second end wall, a front wall and a rear wall. A spindle is
rotatably mounted to and extends between the first and second end walls.
A pair of gripping members each has a bottom side, an upper side, and a
pair of lateral sides. The spindle extends through each of the lateral sides
such that the bottom sides are positioned nearer the spindle than the upper
10 sides. A spool with a tether is rotatably mounted on the spindle. The
tether has a free end extending through an aperture in the top wall. A
fastening assembly is attached to the free end for selectively attaching the
free end to a dwelling. Hands positioned on the gripping member are
secured within the housing by a compressing action between the gripping
15 member and the front wall.